been estimated that an amount of Rs. 2348 crores would be required to cover all the towns. Against the above, the allocation in the Central Sector is Rs. 50 crores during the 8th Plan. Upto 31.3.96, 204 Water Supply Schemes at a cost of Rs. 161.63 crores have been sanctioned. Since the progress of the Scheme depends on availability of adequate funds no specific target date for completing the programme can be given.

(d) Against Rs. 50 Crores provided for 8th Plan, Rs. 48.49 Crores has been released upto 31.3.96 and an amount of.Rs. 20.00 Crores have been provided in the budget of 1996-97.

Vacancies of Directors in Public Enterprises

1219. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU.

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the details of public enterprises in the country under the Central Government, sector-wise and State-wise;

(b) the number and the details of such enterprises which are functioning without permanent CEOs;

(c) how many of such enterprises have vacancies on their Boards of Directors giving the details thereof; and

(d) the time schedule for filling up all such vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS (SHRI S. R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) Sector-wise and State-wise details in respect of Central Public Enterprises are furnished in the Annexure, *[See. Appendix 178, Annexure No. 32]*.

(b) to (d). As per available information, 37 posts of Cheif Executives and 68 posts of full-time Directors were lying vacant in various Central Public Sector Undertakings as on 31.05.1996. the top posts are filled up in accordance with the prescribed procedure, which includes selection by Public Enterprises Selection Board and appointment by the concerned administrative Ministry/Department. Filling up of top posts is a continuous process.

Power shortage in Maharashtra

1220. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleases to state:

(a) the extent of power shortage at present in Maharashtra and the annual transmission losses; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to overcome this shortage, to minimise the transmission losses and to modernise transmission system in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Maharashtra faced an energy shortage of 3.3% during April-June, 1996. The transmission and distribution losses of Maharashtra during 1994-95 was 15.93%.

(b) Various measures to improve the availability of power in Maharashtra include capacity addition, maximising generation from the existing capacity, implementation of R&M programme, reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses, effective load management and energy conservation measures, obtaining assistance from neighbouring States/Systems. In order to minimise transmission losses in Maharashtra, work on a HVDC link between Chandrapur and Padghe has been taken up in hand and is scheduled to be completed in 1997-98. Programme for commissioning of 400 KV S/S, installation of about 200 MVR, 33 KV/22 KV shunt capacitors, capacity installation at consumer ends is also being encouraged. To modernise the system operation, the Network Security Functions, Generation scheduling and Resource Optimisation and Despatcher Training Simulators are also planned in the Load Despatch Centres of MSEB.